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Applicant:      **Volker ALBRECHT et al.**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the office action dated April 21, 2009, please reconsider the above-identified patent application based on the following: